The Neuroscience Program is an interdisciplinary and highly individualized Ph.D. program. Students have varied backgrounds but typically have undergraduate degrees in psychology, biology, electrical engineering, or computer science. The Neuroscience Program guides students to become productive, scholarly neuroscientists with access to careers in academic research, medicine, industry or non-research careers such as law, policy, or journalism. The faculty have broad and diverse research interests; areas of particular strength include aging, brain plasticity, cognitive functions, neurogenomics, molecular bases of development and disease and neuroengineering. Integrative and collaborative studies that bridge two or more labs are encouraged.

Admission
Applications are considered individually by the admissions committee, for the fall semester and subject to final approval by the Graduate College. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores are optional. International applicants must meet the minimum English Language requirements as set by the Graduate College at https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/instructions/04c. Admission and financial aid are considered together.

Financial Aid
The Neuroscience Program is committed to supporting its students and makes every effort to ensure that students who remain in good academic standing receive full support including tuition waiver and stipend throughout their tenure in the program. Support may come in the form of fellowships, traineeships, research assistantships, or teaching assistantships according to the student's qualifications.